

Municipal District of Wainwright, No. 392

Public Meetings of Ratepayers

will be held at

IRMA, Alta.

Thursday, Feb. 17th

At 1:30 p.m., in Kiefer's Hall

The Reeve and Councillors will give
their reports and the affairs of the
Municipal District will be discussed

By order,
H. U. TAYLOR,
Secretary-Treasurer

Kinsella Kernels

Mrs. Lloyd Witten and son, Mark, who have been visiting Mrs. Witten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mark, left for Zebaloo on the flyer Thursday.

Lac Robt. Stevens came home on leave last week.

Mrs. J. L. Scott came home from Edmonton last Friday after spending six weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Elliott. She spent the week-end with Mrs. James Murray.

Mrs. Jack Corbett and daughter are visiting at the home of Mr. Corbett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arkansall.

Miss Edith Lancaster spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Lief Pederson and brother, Mr. Cliff Lancaster.

Several ladies from Kinsella spent a very enjoyable evening at Viking last Friday, when they attended "Ladies' Night," at the Elks' Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell and Mrs. M. Tessman went to Olds last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Campbell's brother-in-law.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. W. T. Carpenter on Thursday, February 10th.

Increased value of D coupons for jams, jellies, preserves, honey and maple syrup does not allow alternative increase of sugar purchase. D coupons still buy half pound of sugar per coupon.

Alberta Legislature to Begin Session Feb. 10th

By Stanley A. Williams

Edmonton — When His Honor Lieutenant Governor J. G. Bowen formally opens the fourth session of Alberta's ninth Legislature, he will open the doors to the public's first inspection of Premier Ernest C. Manning's new government, which has been in office since the first of June, 1943.

There has been evidence in the last six months of a trend to modification of certain government policies; and new policies have been mooted, such as provision of free care for maternity cases in Alberta hospitals. It is certain the Opposition side of the House will take the opportunity presented to review the brief history of Mr. Manning's administration to date.

This coming session will see new faces to the right of Mr. Speaker Peter Dawson, and faces will be missing to his right and left.

David Ure, the Social Credit M.L.A.-elect from Red Deer, will be seated among his fellow M.L.A.s for the first time. Notably absent will be the faces of the late Premier William Aberhart, and of Alfred Speakman, the late Independent member from Red Deer.

In the treasury benches, Hon. Alfred J. Hooke, provincial secretary, from Rocky Mountain House; and Hon. C. E. Gerhart, minister of municipal affairs, from Coronation, will be seated for their first Legislature sessions as minister of the Crown.

Hon. Solon E. Low, provincial treasurer and minister of education, will sit in the latter capacity for the first time; Hon. Lucien Maynard, K.C., attorney-general, makes his debut in that post, and Premier Manning will appear as minister of trade and industry as in former years but without the added portfolio of provincial secretary. Mr. Maynard is former minister of municipal affairs, his present post of attorney-general having been held by Mr. Aberhart, who also held the portfolio of minister of education.

To Mr. Speaker's left, James Walker, M.L.A. for Warner constituency, will rise in his place as head of the Independent Citizens' Association of Alberta, having been elected to that post at Calgary recently.

As a result of the Red Deer by-election, House standings have changed. The Social Credit group now holds 35 seats; the Independents, 15; Liberals, three; C.C.F., one; Labor, one; and Independent Social Credit, one. The 57th seat is vacant, having been held by Premier Aberhart.

Legislation to be introduced by the government is to be on a fairly comprehensive scale, according to officials. No more bills than were absolutely necessary were introduced at the 1943 session, as revision of the provincial statutes had just been completed.

Many bills can be expected from the attorney-general's and the municipal affairs departments, and it has been announced the minister of education will seek a further revision of the Operation Schools (War) Act, which governs the summer holiday period of Alberta scholars. The summer holiday season in 1944 is to run from the middle of July until around the first of October, and this can only be effected by the action of legislation.

Another bill to be introduced will govern the free maternity regulations forecast late last year.

Legislation may be brought in by the provincial secretary's department concerning motor vehicle licenses and fees. It has been announced that the 1944 "plates" will be a windshield sticker, and several delegations through the year have pressed for a cut in license fees.

The first item of business to be conducted after the lieutenant-governor opens the legislature, is

the ceremony of seating Mr. Ure in the House.

Restricted pomp of wartime will hold sway on Thursday, opening day, when the Speech from the Throne is read, and minor formalities are completed. The House will then stand adjourned until Friday, when serious business starts.

The Hon. Solon E. Low, as provincial treasurer, will bring down the budget, a formidable task for himself, as he stands and reads figures and tables for as long as an hour and a half.

After Mr. Low moves adoption of the budget, the sessional fireworks will start.

Following the budget comes estimates, when every department submits a break-down on the amount of money needed for operations in the coming fiscal year of 1944-45.

All the while, from the opening day of the session, new bills are introduced as they are prepared. They get a first reading, a second reading, a committee hearing, and a third reading.

When the last appropriation has been passed, and the last bill given third reading, the lieutenant-governor will appear, give assent to the bills, and close the session.

A. F. U. Notes

When the drums of war have ceased to beat, when the rain of destruction and death from the skies is ended, humanity will have to face the difficult task of rebuilding the world.

Many of the mistakes that have been made at peace conferences of the past have been recorded, in blood on subsequent pages of history.

This must not happen again. If "all the men of all the lands" are to enjoy the freedom envisaged by the Atlantic Charter, then agriculture must not be overlooked.

Those who till the soil to free humanity from the spectre of famine and want, must have some assurance that while engaged in feeding the world, they shall enjoy reasonable security on their land. This must come through a reasonable degree of stability of farm prices. Prices must bear relationship to production prices.

If those engaged in farming hope to see established policies which will stabilize the industry, then we must unite our forces to work for a common objective.

This can only be done through organization. The A.F.U. has a large membership who are working in the interests of Western agriculture through giving whole hearted support to the A.F.U. farmers can give strength to the voice of organized agriculture throughout the Dominion.

What are we waiting for?

WANT ADS

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JET FOR POLISHING HOT Stoves is a Boon. Winter months mean hot stoves always. "JET" is safe, handy. Sold everywhere. J21-Mip

FOR SALE — Creamery Building at ~~Edmonton~~ for price and particulars write Burns' Creamery, 10619 103rd Avenue, Edmonton.

Sugar plantations of the Philippines and Netherlands East Indies are still in enemy hands and there is no immediate prospect of ending sugar rationing.

Fifty million ration coupons become valid each week in Canada.



UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, Feb. 13:
Irma—Sunday School—11 a.m.
Public Worship—7:30 p.m.
A hearty invitation to all.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 20th, at 2 p.m.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma Tabernacle — Bible School 2:15 p.m. Classes for all.
Gospel Service, 2:30 p.m.

Hardisty—Oddfellows' Hall — Gospel Service, 8:30 p.m.

A cordial welcome to all.
"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."
Matthew 24:27.

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World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange

PLANNED PRICES ON THE
OPEN MARKET

Suggestions are being made that after the war Britain should buy her needs of Canadian wheat at a set price. The trouble is that Britain will probably take no more than one third of the wheat Canadian farmers will have to sell if they are to stay in business.

What would happen to the other two thirds that normally is sold to one hundred different countries? All the evidences of the past seem to indicate that it would be quite impossible to make similar contracts that would be kept with all these many countries, so that it seems quite certain the bulk of our wheat would still have to be sold on the world's open markets. If the British contract prices were lower than the open market, our farmers would be dissatisfied, and if the British contract prices were higher than such open market prices, then British buyers would be discounted.

It does seem, then, as though the sale of our wheat on world open markets will be to only way to ensure the sale of all we can produce. There is not the slightest reason to believe, however, that the prices returned by this method would be satisfactory, for if we have reasonably free international trade, there certainly would be no surpluses to depress price, and it is only burdensome surpluses that have ever depressed price.

EYES TESTED.

GLASSES FITTED
Thos. G. Dark, eyesight consultant and registered optometrist, will be at:

Irma Drug, Friday, Feb. 25, 6 to 10:30 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.
Viking Drug, Friday evening 7 to 9, Feb. 25th; Saturday morning 9 to 11:30, Feb. 26th.

Stocks of grapefruit juice and other fruit juices have been purchased and will be made available to the public.



More FOOD NEEDED

As Victory Draws Nearer

As the United Nations invade the Axis-dominated countries, famished populations as well as our fighting forces must be fed. The need for food increases as victory draws nearer.



Canadian farmers are confronted with a heavy task, which may be made easier through the use of bank credit. The Bank of Montreal stands ready to make every reasonable loan which will promote an increase in food production in the world emergency.

If you need to borrow to improve your production of food, do not hesitate to talk with our nearest branch manager.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Founded in 1817

Wainwright Branch: L. W. SMITH, Manager
Irma (Sub-Agency): Open Tuesday and Friday

CROP UTILIZATION

The National Research Council To Investigate Agricultural Problems

Establishment of a 14-man prairie regional committee on the utilization of crops, under the National Research Council, was announced by Trade Minister MacKinnon—a move under consideration several years ago but postponed when the war began.

The new committee will have as its chairman Dr. Robert Newton, president of the University of Alberta and formerly for 10 years director of the National Research Council's division of biology and agriculture. He is one of Alberta's three members on the new body.

The others are:

National Research Council: Dean C. J. MacKenzie, Dr. W. H. Cook, Dominion department of agriculture; Dr. H. Barton, Dr. J. M. Swaine, Dr. E. S. Archibald.

Alberta: Dr. R. Newton (chairman); department of agriculture, O. S. Longman; member at large, A. Craig Pierce.

Saskatchewan: University, Dean L. E. Kirk; department of agriculture, Hedley Auld; at large, J. Gordon Ross, Liberal member of parliament for Moose Jaw.

Manitoba: University, Dr. H. H. Saunderson; department of agriculture, Dr. J. H. Evans; at large, Hon. Donald G. McKenzie.

"Since its inception in 1916 the (National Research) council has given continuous attention and support to researches on agricultural problems and just before the war had considered the creation of a special committee to investigate opportunities for expansion of this work in co-operation with the western universities on studies then in progress which were of special interest to western Canada," said Mr. MacKinnon in a prepared statement.

"The advent of the war, however, made it necessary to direct the activities of the council almost entirely to matters relating to Canada's war effort."

"Now, looking to the future as research must always do, the council feels the time has come to take up again its pre-war plan for prairie region studies in order to be prepared with a constructive program for the post-war period."

The first project of this program is the study of crop utilization which is of special interest in the prairie provinces."

Had Good Reason

Lieutenant Was Especially Interested In Letter Read During Sermon

Archbishop Spellman delivered a sermon during his trip to Cairo, says Leonard Lyons, in the New York Post, and included the text of a letter received by the mother of a sailor who had died in the battle of Midway. After the services, a lieutenant approached the Archbishop and said: "That was a most inspiring reading you gave that letter, sir."

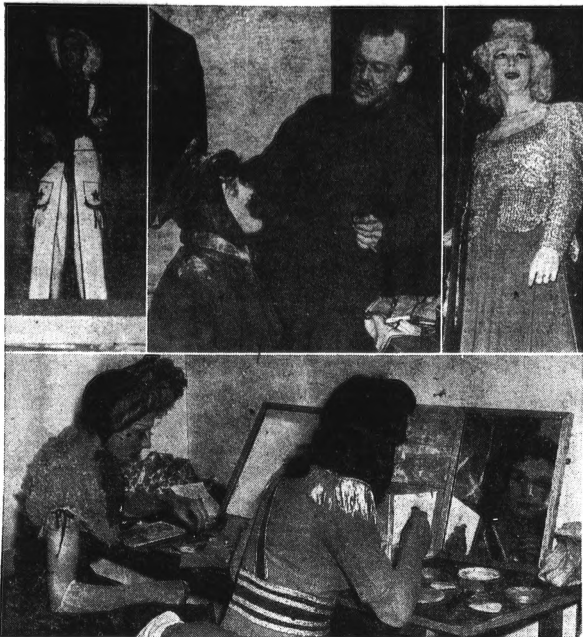
"Thank you, lieutenant," said the visiting prelate. "I'm glad you took such an interest in it." "I think I ought to, sir," explained the officer. "I was the one who wrote that letter for the sailor."

Danes Escape To British Port



The Allied V for victory is the first gesture made by these six Danish fishermen just arrived at a British port in six fishing smacks.

Canadian Army Concert Party Stars In Britain



The "Tin-Hats", first Canadian Army Concert party organized overseas in this war, has made a hit all over Great Britain where the troupe has played to every Canadian formation, to R.C.A.F. units, in hospitals and on the British Broadcasting Corporation programs. Part of the troupe is pictured here, on stage and in the dressing rooms. Top left shows Norman Harper of Toronto, cowboy singer of the party, modelling his western songs before a service audience. Wally Brennan of Winnipeg, who does a comedy act gets a last dab of great-paint (centre) from his partner, Ronnie White of Grand Falls, N.B. At the right the "blonde bombshell", Trilby—who actually is Johnny Heawood of Toronto—does "her" stuff for the boys, and in the lower picture Trilby and "her" brunette competitor, Bill Dunstan of Regina, carry their rivalry to the dressing room as they slap on rouge, lipstick and mascara.

—Canadian Army Overseas Photo.

Never Has Trouble

Woman Bouncer In New York Club Friend Of Patrons

At one of the Merchant Marine Clubs in New York there is a bouncer who is said to be the world's best. A tap on the shoulder, a guiding hand to the door and all obnoxious guests drift away quietly.

The bouncer is Mae Dillon, a British woman who has sailed the seas for 20 years as a stewardess. The boys she tosses out are her friends, and they give her no arguments. If she says "out" they go out and come back the next day full of apologies.

"Sister Mae" is a short, dark-haired woman, mother of two sons in the R.A.F. and foster mother to two British war-gusts. Until war came she served on many of the super liners, but for the past four years she has been at this Merchant Marine Club in New York. Her end-of-the-war plans cover two assignments. Sister Mae says she will take her two boys and "take a trip around the world to see what is left of it."

Moral Offensive

Great Privilege Of The Press To Fight For The Right

C. V. Charters, Brampton, Ont., managing director of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, told the Saskatchewan division of the organization that it would be the privilege of the press after the war to throw open its columns in a great moral offensive.

Mr. Charters said the immense impact of the press on the spirit of the people could be a great moral force during the reconstruction period.

In outlining the points on which the press could take its stand after the war, Mr. Charters said a basic policy should be re-establishment of the primary virtues. Hard rock, home life, and faith in God were keystones on which to build a new world, he said.

It was the responsibility of the newspaper, to forearm the nation against a post-war moral landslide and its consequent economic collapse.

By spotlighting what was sound and constructive, the press should fight for national unity, Mr. Charters continued.

To win total victory the press must teach the people that this war was a conflict between those philosophies of life which hold that man is not subservient to divine law, and the Christian philosophy, which holds that he is, Mr. Charters said. He called upon the press to inspire readers to build a worthwhile pattern for the post-war world.

In Tough Spot

Japan Will Have Hard Time Deciding What To Do

Japan appears to be between the devil and the deep blue sea. If she sticks to her difficult job of holding her own defences against Allied pressure and lets Germany shift for herself, it's only a question of time before Germany is wiped out and the Allies are able to turn their undivided weight on Tokyo. If she elects to create a diversion by attacking Russia, it may ease the pressure on Germany but it will weaken Japan's own defence—which, to all appearances, is rapidly weakening.

In the final analysis it does not seem to make much difference what Japan does; but no one can tell what action desperation may prompt—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

PRAYER FOR PETAIN

Of Marshal Henri Petain, Vichy collaborationist now in his 87th year, a devout and patriotic French war man, according to a story reaching London, used to pray as follows: "Dear God, please open Marshal Petain's eyes. If you can't open them, please close them."

A Canny Business Man

The Purchasing Agent Who Was Unwilling To Accept A Commission

The young salesman had obtained a whacking big order, and desired to show his appreciation to the purchasing agent who had tendered him the business—a Scotsman.

He dared not offer the Scot a commission and he feared that a gift of money would be regarded as an insult. At length he went to a tobacconist and purchased a box of fine cigars—fifty Havanas for fifteen dollars! These he tendered to the Scot with his compliments.

"I canna accept them," said the purchasing agent. "No gifts from the salesmen. I believe you meant no wrong, but I canna take them."

"Well," said the salesman, "I can't smoke them myself—I smoke cigarettes. I wonder if you would like to buy them from me. There would be no harm in that, I'm sure."

"What would you be asking for them, laddie?" asked the canny Scot. "I'll sell you the whole fifty for a nickel," replied the salesman.

The purchasing agent lifted one of the cigars from the box, smelled it, rolled it in his fingers and examined it closely.

"Very well," he said, "at that price I'll take four boxes."

One Good Error

Gray's Elegy Vastly Improved When Printer Omitted Comma

Whether it was his error or his editing, the world owes a debt of gratitude to an unknown printer. A correspondent of the Edinburgh Scotsman writes:

"The late Professor Saintsbury told his students during the session 1906-7 that Gray wrote 'The curfew tolls, the knell of parting day,' but when the proofs came to him from the printers the comma was omitted, and the poem was quick to note the improvement in the line.

"Thus was one of the most flawless pieces of poetry, which had taken several years to write, improved by a printer's error."—Montreal Gazette.

ALL LINED UP

"Well, my good fellow, this is a great university. Its name is known in every corner of the world. When you leave here you can be proud of your background. Think of it. You have had every advantage a young man could desire. Your four years have been spent in profitable pursuit of the greatest thoughts of the greatest minds the world has known. Now your time has come to choose a profession. The world is entitled to expect a lot from you. What are you going to turn your hand to?"

"I've got a fine job at a pickle factory."

Mountbatten Popular

Has Reputation Of Being Close To Men In His Command

Lord Louis Mountbatten is immensely popular both with the armed forces and with the British at home and it is considered a stroke of genius on the part of Allied chiefs that he was chosen to head the Allied Southeast Asia Command. He is a second cousin of the King and always invites him to inspect the ship he commands. On the other hand, in view of this relationship, he always has worked doubly hard to avoid charges of nepotism. He first went to sea when 14, and saw active service aboard the flagship Lion in 1916. He has a scientific mind and several inventions to his credit—notable among which is a "station-keeping" device which now is standard equipment on His Majesty's ships. His role in the present war started as commanding officer of a destroyer flotilla. Twice he brought his flagship Kelly home despite heavy damage. The story is told that after the second attack on the Kelly, the senior officer of a nearby British ship signalled in "Prepare to abandon ship. Intend to sink you." Mountbatten signalled in reply: "Shall open fire on first black who tries anything of the sort." The end of the Kelly, which was dive-bombed off Crete, became popular history in "In Which We Serve." Mountbatten succeeded to command of the aircraft carrier Illustrious, but while she was laid up for repairs in New York, Lord Louis suddenly was called to Britain on a secret mission. He was made Chief of Combined Operations—in which position he commanded the Commandos. He has the reputation of being as close to the men in his command as any ranking officer in any British service.

A Safety Measure

Statues Taken From London For Duration Of War

As the train flashed through a certain Hertfordshire wayside station on the line to Scotland one gets a quick sight that must puzzle many passengers, comments the Daily Sketch. In a field beside the railway and against the background of a ruined castle are arranged four handsomely polished statues. One is of the Six Burghers of Calais, which once stood on the Victoria Embankment, and the others are of William III from St. James's Square, George III from Cockspur street, and Lord Wolsey from Horse Guards' Parade. Valued at \$12,000 and containing many tons of bronze, they were evacuated from London for the duration to safeguard them from air attacks.

DIFFERENT NOW

Not one food plant nor one domesticated food animal found in America was known in the Old World when Columbus discovered this continent, and not a single food plant of the Old World was found growing in America.

LIKE REAL MUSIC

People In Britain Discard Jazz And Enjoy Symphony Orchestras

Bombs brought the tune-bomb and Britain's little people discovered classical music. It rose from the blitz until today it challenges the theatre and movies as headlines in an unprecedented demand for wartime entertainment at any price.

London dowager and Welsh miner drink in the music of symphony orchestras, six of which play throughout the country to 75,000 patrons a week with a weekly taking of £19,550 (\$88,000). The most popular composer is Tchaikovsky, followed by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Grieg.

Explaining the surge towards the classical, Harold Fielding, 25-year-old impresario who formed the National Philharmonic Orchestra and toured 75 cities giving concerts during the blitz said that "people shaken up by raids turned to good music to soothe their nerves."

"Once they discovered it they flocked in their thousands to listen," he said. "I have taken classical music to a little miners' institute in Wales where cinema seats were tuppence and fourpence, and played to an audience that paid £290. The music has even taken possession of the children. We give them special matinees at cheap prices."

The music is tax-free on cultural grounds and prices range from half a crown to 10 shillings. Music halls book classical concerts as once they booked jazz and vaudeville. Orchestras include the London Philharmonic, London Symphony, Liverpool Philharmonic and the B.B.C. Symphony.

New Soviet Plane

Aviation Magazine Says It Is Constructed From Plastic Wood

Some light at last has been thrown on Russian military aircraft, hitherto cloaked in secrecy.

Swedish reports on a new Soviet single seat fighter have reached the British ministry of aircraft production. They contain "some of the most comprehensive information yet issued on a Russian aircraft," said the Aeroplane, authoritative aviation magazine.

In general appearance the new fighter, known as the LAAH-3, may be compared to the Spitfire, but its airframe is by contrast constructed from plastic bonded wood, said the magazine. It has a 20 millimetre cannon firing through a hollow air-screw shaft. An interesting feature is the utilization of waste exhaust gases to provide an inert gas which is led into the fuel tanks instead of air as a measure of fire protection.

WOULD HELP SOME

During the 16th century, Oxford students who were short of money for their studies, were allowed to beg in the streets or ring at the homes of noble and rich patrons.

Storm Windows Save Fuel



Tightly fitting storm windows and doors will help keep the heat where it belongs and save up to 20 per cent. of the family's coal supply. The young woman in the picture above is putting up her double windows early to make certain that they fit properly. Loose frames can be made air-tight with weather-stripping. If the window-panes rattle, they should be re-put in place now before winter winds blow cold.



Makes baking easy and sure... Loaves light, even-textured, Delicious



ALWAYS DEPENDABLE AIRTIGHT WRAPPER ENSURES STRENGTH

SMILE AWHILE

Bill: "I hear they have taken the early morning train off your route. Do you miss it?"

John: "Not since they have taken it off!"

"Why is it that a girl can never catch a ball like a man?"

"A man is so much easier to catch."

Elsie: "What kind of husband would you advise me to get, grandma?"

Grandma: "You just leave husbands alone and get yourself a single man."

Waitress: "Did you say you wanted your eggs turned over?"

Diner: "Yes, turned over to the museum of natural history."

Doris: "Mother! What did you do when a boy first kissed you?"

Mother: "Never mind."

"That's funny; I did the same thing, Mother!"

"Oh, please, ma'am," gasped the nursemaid, "I've lost little Nora!"

"Gracious girl! Why didn't you speak to a policeman?"

"I was speaking to one at the time, ma'am!"

"My wife," said Mr. Henpeck, "kisses me every time I come into the house."

"Ah," said his friend, "that's affection."

"No," sighed Henpeck, "that's investigation!"

A lady with a huge brown paper parcel came out of a chiroprapist's establishment. She was furiously angry, and said to the friend awaiting her: "Calls himself a 'chiroprapist,' and cures 'stiff' dogs!"

May: "What did father say when you asked him if you could marry me?"

George: "He didn't absolutely refuse, but he made a very severe condition."

May: "What was it?"

George: "He said he would see me hanged, first."

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY— DIPLOMA FOR MISS PEPPER

By MILTON WRIGHT
McClure Newspaper Syndicate

As usual, on a Wednesday evening, Jennie Pepper strolled toward Elmer Wapper's filling station. When she saw Elmer holding the nozzle to the tank of a waiting car, she slowed her steps. She must not arrive at the wrong moment—everything must go smoothly. For this, although Elmer knew it not, was the night that he would ask her to marry him—and she would refuse.

For months she had been looking forward to this evening—ever since the first of the weekly lessons in "How to Win Your Man" had arrived in the mail. What marvelous lessons they had been! Who would have believed that the Institute of Practical Romance could know so much about men? And how sound had been its instructions, not content with merely explaining, but insisting that she select some unsuspecting man upon whom to practice.

Poor Elmer! After all, was it quite fair to lead him on? Perhaps not, but wasn't everything fair in love and war? Besides, this would be her last exercise. After this evening she would be ready to start her real campaign, and she would need the experience gained by all the work she had done on Elmer.

It seemed like fate, the way one thing had followed another. First, that stunning picture in the Sunday rotogravure of C. Proctor Bassingwell, the best dressed man in the state. Then Bassingwell himself, looking every bit as handsome and aristocratic as the picture, stopping at Elmer's for gas the very next evening. She had identified him at once, had known that there sat the only man with whom she could be completely happy.

And last, the day after that, the advertisement sent fairly shouted at her, "How to Win Your Man!"

From that day on she had seen C. Proctor Bassingwell again. She had not dared to risk his seeing her, for she must impress him from the start. Courtship always proceeded most satisfactorily, the Institute maintained, in cases of love at first sight.

The car at the pump had now driven away, and Jennie quickened her pace. Elmer smiled as she approached—nearly the glad smile he used to have, but only a polite smile. Still, it wasn't smile.

"Hello, Elmer," she called. Elmer waved a gasoline-soaked rag. Jennie shuddered. Hand holding would make a proposal easier, but a hand as black as Elmer's now was would be out of the question. She sighed.

Elmer misinterpreted the shudder and the sigh. "Not feeling so good, Jennie?" he asked. "Probably something you ate."

"No, it isn't that. I'm just lonesome and blue."

"Too bad. Maybe you read too much."

"No, it's feeling so alone. No one to care for me. No one to share my dreams." She paused. According to the Institute, this should have been Elmer's cue to suggest himself as the solution, to her problems. - Elmer, however, merely looked embarrassed.

She could not stop now. She must receive a bona fide proposal before the diploma of the Institute could be hers. Then on to the conquest of C. Proctor Bassingwell. If Elmer was slow at taking hints, she must be more direct. "Elmer," she said softly, "you like me, don't you?"

"Sure," he replied. "Why not?"

"Very, very much?"

"Sure."

She must make it still easier for him to put the question he seemed too overcome to utter. "Elmer, why don't you ask me to marry you?"

Scarcely could she credit her ears as she heard his reply: "Well, I'll tell you, Jennie. You know how I used to think you were just about perfect. But lately, I don't know. In the last two or three months you've seemed changed—like a woman of the world or something. We wouldn't be happy with each other. No, Jennie, I couldn't ask you."

"You mean you don't want to ask me?"

"Well—"

"And I wouldn't have you if you did ask!"

They glared at each other. A siren sounded close beside them. They turned to see a low-slung sports roadster that had glided up to the pump. Behind the wheel sat C. Proctor Bassingwell. "Break it up!" he barked at Elmer. "Let me have ten gallons." He turned to Jennie, raising his hat, and asked, "Is this fellow bothering you?"

Face to face with her dream man at last, Jennie could find no words. A lump rose in her throat. She gulped it down. The movement might well be mistaken for a silent convulsive sob. Bassingwell alighted from the seat of his car and held the door open. "Hop in," he said, "I'll take you away from here."

Elmer dropped the gasoline hose and stepped forward. "Oh, no you don't!" he shouted.

"No!" The Bassingwell voice was low and resonant.

"No! And if you don't get back in that car, I'll bust you one on the nose."

"Come," said Bassingwell to Jennie. "The sooner we get away the better."

Action, not words, was now in order. Elmer swung his fist. The handsome Bassingwell head slipped ever so slightly to the left. The Bassingwell arm shot forward. Elmer knew no more.

When Elmer opened his eyes he felt strangely comfortable. His head was cradled in Jennie's arm. She was gently wiping his forehead with a dripping sponge. C. Proctor Bassingwell was nowhere to be seen.

"Jennie," whispered Elmer, "I wish I had asked you to marry me."

"Are you asking me now, Elmer?"

"Yes. Will you?"

"I will." After a silence Jennie spoke again. "Promise me something, Elmer."

"Sure, Jennie. Anything."

"Promise me you'll enroll tomorrow for a correspondence course in the Institute of the Manly Art of Self Defense."

Bill: "I hear they have taken the early morning train off your route. Do you miss it?"

John: "Not since they have taken it off!"

"Why is it that a girl can never catch a ball like a man?"

"A man is so much easier to catch."

Elsie: "What kind of husband would you advise me to get, grandma?"

Grandma: "You just leave husbands alone and get yourself a single man."

Waitress: "Did you say you wanted your eggs turned over?"

Diner: "Yes, turned over to the museum of natural history."

Doris: "Mother! What did you do when a boy first kissed you?"

Mother: "Never mind."

"That's funny; I did the same thing, Mother!"

"Oh, please, ma'am," gasped the nursemaid, "I've lost little Nora!"

"Gracious girl! Why didn't you speak to a policeman?"

"I was speaking to one at the time, ma'am!"

"My wife," said Mr. Henpeck, "kisses me every time I come into the house."

"Ah," said his friend, "that's affection."

"No," sighed Henpeck, "that's investigation!"

A lady with a huge brown paper parcel came out of a chiroprapist's establishment. She was furiously angry, and said to the friend awaiting her: "Calls himself a 'chiroprapist,' and cures 'stiff' dogs!"

RENDERS CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Local Lumber Dealers Supply Modern Architectural Plans For Home And Farm Buildings

(One of a series of articles about your community lumber merchant, by F. C. Pickwell, well-known western newspaper writer)

Canada has made an enviable record in food production to meet essential requirements of our own and the united nations' armies overseas. Developments on the home front in this respect have formed a harmonious counterpart of the valiant services rendered by the navy, army and air force. This co-operative spirit in meeting urgent war needs has won the praise and admiration of allied countries.

The solution of these food problems brought about important changes in agricultural policy throughout Western Canada. Two outstanding advances were made by an intensified demand for the proverbial bacon and eggs. These two products of the farms have been indispensable at home and abroad. The result is that more people are now raising hogs and poultry than at any time in prairie history—and on a fairly profitable basis.

Canadian bacon has won an established place in the British market. There is no obvious reason to anticipate any serious decrease in demand during the post-war years, providing the element of quality is maintained. That is an essential in our food exports and, when hostilities end, we must be in a position to meet inevitable competition from countries now over-run by the enemy. Quality will be more important than sentiment.

The handling and processing of eggs for export purposes has been one of the major revolutionary developments in Western Canada, resulting from the war. When submarine warfare was taking a heavy toll it became necessary to economize wherever possible in shipping space. That led to dehydration of certain food products. New egg powder plants were established in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton. The powder was first shipped abroad in large barrels, but more recently has been packaged in one-pound cartons. One difficulty is to secure sufficient eggs to keep these modern plants busy.

This innovation is likely to have a marked influence in the poultry and egg business. Reduced to powdered form, and most of the heavy moisture removed, export marketing will be simplified and broadened. Stabilized to a greater extent than ever before, farmers will doubtless be encouraged to enlarge their equipment and specialize in poultry more extensively.

These developments naturally intensified demands on community lumber yards throughout the west. This trend would seem to have been anticipated by the dealers, for they were in a position to collaborate constructively with farmers anxious to increase or modernize their poultry and egg production facilities, thus insuring profitable results.

The community lumber dealers were not only able to relieve materially all urgent need for lumber and supplies for customers in their districts, but could go much further in the matter of constructive service. Backed by their western association and architectural department had been established and the staff made a careful study of the most practical and economical designs for housing hogs and poultry. The elements to be faced, either on the prairies or in British Columbia, were borne in mind when the plans were drafted.

Through this service it was possible to supply rural customers, at no extra cost whatever, a varied choice of detailed plans for large or small types of buildings. These provided alternatives, depending on how extensively farmers and others wished to develop this branch of agricultural industry, which has made enormous strides within the last two or three years.

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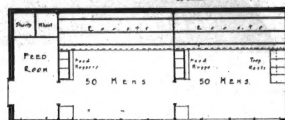
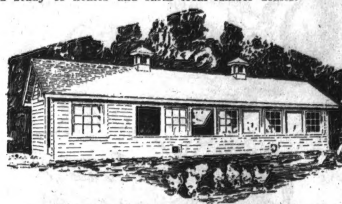
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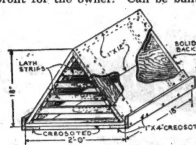
buildings. Detailed plans have been drafted for the exclusive use of community dealers servicing the public. The suggestions made are all low-cost ideas, based mainly on the need for economy in construction. Many of the smaller buildings detailed can be erected with short-length lumber pieces, and planned with such minuteness that they may be erected by farmers during quiet periods. This is a meritorious service.

The illustrated features covering hog and poultry houses in this story are typical of many other plans now available. These are western types approved by the department of agriculture, and provide warm, dry and well ventilated quarters. This is a community service created by your local lumber dealer.



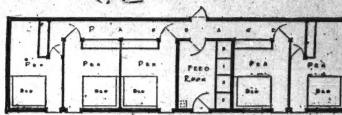
UNIT POULTRY HOUSE

(100-hen size, 14' x 34'-6" att'ds) The type of building that will quickly pay its ways and make a profit for the owner. Can be built in units.



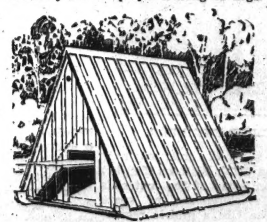
HEN COOP

Inexpensive to build and very easily made.



HOG HOUSE

The well-known Western type approved by the Department of Agriculture. It provides warm, dry, well ventilated quarters necessary for the proper housing of hogs.



PORTABLE HOG HOUSE

Inexpensive, easily built, and easily moved from place to place.

Another Tall Story

Goebbels Says Secret Army Will Bring Quick German Victory

Goebbels' secret weapon has been outmoded. Now it is a mighty secret army that Germany is holding in reserve. These forces, it is said, will go into action according to a secret plan established by the high command.

As soon as the "secret army" intervenes, Goebbels' spokesman told neutral correspondents the war will suddenly take different shape and bring about a quick German victory.

Drive out ACHES



Finds Shell Fragments

New Device Speeds Surgeon's Work In Treating Battle Casualties

An X-ray super-lead designed to expedite and simplify removal of bullets and shrapnel from the wounded was displayed at Memphis, Tenn., with the prediction it would play an important part in reducing the United States Army's mortality rate.

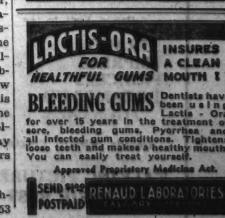
The device locates within 60 seconds all the fragments in a man's body and marks him for the surgeon's incision—one of the most difficult and painful of operations.

"When an American soldier, wounded by gunfire or a fragmentation bomb, is brought into a field hospital, his life may depend on the rapidity of diagnosis," said Col. Alfred A. de Lorimer in the first public demonstration of the unit. "How many fragments have penetrated his body, where they are and what is the pattern the surgeon's knife must follow to remove them? This X-ray unit rapidly and accurately answers all these questions."

Hares are common in most northern sections of the globe.

USED INCUBATORS IN 2000 B.C.

The Chinese used incubators to speed chicken production in 2,000 B.C. A charcoal fire inside a container heated eggs placed within a mud receptacle.



A FEATURE OF THE CANADIAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION



Democratic initiative, industry and finance have risen to great heights under a war emergency—Let's continue this co-operation.

HELP THE FOOD INDUSTRY REACH IT'S

2,000,000 Objective

BUY MORE WAR STAMPS 25¢ DURING FEBRUARY



CHIEF ENGINEER

L. J. Marshall, chief engineer at Station CBK, Watrous (540 kc) looks over some of the materials in CBK's storehouse of spare parts. The CBC's prairie regional transmitter, broadcasting on a clear channel with 50,000 watts, is Western Canada's most powerful station.

Under Prices Board action, the quality of various chocolate and confectionery bars is being improved.

In all cases of first rentals, fixation of rentals must be carried out by a Rental Administrator.

When In Edmonton

Pay a Visit to the

STRAND EMPRESS PRINCESS DREAMLAND THEATRES.

Carefully Selected Program

TALKING PICTURES AT THEIR BEST

Northern Electric SOUND SYSTEM

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Argentina's wheat crop is now estimated at 261 million bushels, almost 30 million bushels less than the first estimate—Australia exported less than 30 million bushels of wheat during the year ending June 30th, 1943—Mexico is reported to be making arrangements to import 48,000 tons of wheat from Australia.

Drought stricken wheat fields in the U.S. mid-west were materially benefitted by rain and snow last week—Moisture conditions in the Argentine are satisfactory, and it is held likely that corn yields will be above average—India's rice crop is expected to exceed the pre-war consumption figures by about one million tons

If you have an old suede jacket that has become worn around the neckband and wrists rip it and wash it—it will wash like cotton if lukewarm suds are used—dry it and cut it over for a lining. It will make little sister's coat invulnerable to icy winds and cold. New curtains need frequent laundering, specially in winter time when they collect sharp gritty dust and soot. This dirt literally cuts curtains to pieces and shortens their life. Keeping them clean is life insurance for certain.

A foundation garment should be laundered by using rich lukewarm mild soap-suds. Hot water should be avoided, particularly if there is any elastic in the garment, because hot water tends to devitalize rubber threads. Squeeze suds through over and over again. Don't rub the garment surfaces together. If you must scrub, use a soft brush and rich suds. Rinse several times in lukewarm water. Never wring a foundation garment. Roll it in a Turkish towel and knead, to remove excess moisture. Then unroll immediately. Smooth out the garters and the shoulder straps. Hang evenly over a line to dry, away from heat. It is advisable to iron only the fabric parts and shoulder straps, and with a moderately hot iron. Never iron any elastic sections; if the iron gets too hot the rubber may be affected.

There is no ceiling on sales of clover and alfalfa seed by the grower to the trade. Ceiling prices on farm seeds are set on retail sales only.



By Dr. H. W. Seabey
Director, Agricultural Experiment
North-West Line Elevators Association

Wheat Variety Survey

The official recommendations as to what varieties of wheat should be grown and where they should be grown are published each winter in each of the three prairie provinces. Copies are placed in the hands of all Line Elevator agents. 1944 recommendations should be available early in February.

We decided that it would be interesting to find out if farmers followed the advice—usually good, and always worth considering—of the cereal variety recommendation committees. The recommendations are based on soil-climatic zones and any farmer can consult the zone map in his Line Elevator to find out in which zone he lives and what varieties are considered suitable. Thanks to country elevator agents, we have been able to determine the percentages of the total wheat acreage occupied by different varieties and to compare these with the official expert advice. This is what we find.

Alberta (in 1943)
The percentage of varieties not recommended varies from 3.1 in Zone 2 to 28.4 in Zone 4A. The latter zone contained 13.5% Garnet, 9.7% Marquis and 1.2% others. Only Thatcher and Red Bobs had official approval. In Zone 1, about 18.0% of the acreage was occupied by varieties not recommended, largely because Red Bobs is becoming popular even though it lacks official approval in this zone.

Saskatchewan (in 1943)
The farmers and the officials should get together! In Zone 1, 30.9 per cent of the acreage is occupied by varieties lacking official approval, and in Zone 2, the percentage is 16.8. This is largely because Marquis has been removed from the recommended list, but many farmers grow it.

Also, no room for Manitoba. Ask your Line Elevator agent for a brightly coloured "Seedtime and Harvest" with more information!

QUESTION AND ANSWER TABLE Will Help You

Who Can Buy?

Any individual, whether adult or child, and any non-profit making organization, may become a registered owner of War Savings Certificates.

What Do I Get?

A War Savings Stamp for every 25c you invest; a \$5.00 War Saving Certificate for every four dollar's worth of stamps.

What Interest Rate?

Every \$4.00 Certificate is worth \$5.00 after 7½ years. This 25 per cent. increase represents interest at the rate of 3 per cent. compounded semi-annually.

Is the Interest Taxable?

No War Savings Stamps and Certificate are tax free.

How Many Can I Buy?

Because of the tax-free advantage, any one purchaser is limited to a total of \$480.00 worth of Certificates per calendar year, having maturity value of \$600.00.

What Security Backs Them?

War Savings Certificates are a direct obligation of the Dominion of Canada. There is no safer investment.

Who Can Cash Them?

War Savings Certificates are registered in the name of the holder at Ottawa. Only the registered holder can cash them. They are of no value to anyone else—they cannot be sold, transferred or pledged.

Must I Wait 7½ Years?

Yes, for full maturity value. But in case of emergency, Certificates may be cashed any time after six months from date of issue, on application by the registered holder to the Bank of Canada, Ottawa. The Minister of Finance may require 90 days' notice in the case of redemption before maturity.

A Chartered Bank is ONE WHICH COMPETES WITH NINE OTHERS for your business

These ten competing banks are:

Bank of Montreal

The Bank of Toronto

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

The Dominion Bank

Imperial Bank of Canada

The Bank of Nova Scotia

The Provincial Bank of Canada

The Royal Bank of Canada

Banque Canadienne Nationale

Barclays Bank (Canada)

A chartered bank is the custodian not only of your money on deposit but also of your secrets concerning that money.

A CHARTERED bank is an institution where the details of your bank account are kept secret.

It is called "chartered" because its permission to do business and the conditions and restrictions under which it may do business, are contained in a charter granted and kept up-to-date by parliament, the finest democratic free institution of government that man has yet devised. This charter is an Act

of Parliament laying down all of the conditions which safeguard your money.

Ten competing chartered banks are the very opposite of a State Monopoly such as would come about if all the banks were rolled into one by nationalization. Under State Monopoly, if you failed to get accommodation at the one bank, you could not go to any one of nine others to seek it. You can today.

THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

Canadian Certified Seed Potatoes

Should be ordered AT ONCE

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW, while supplies are still available. Seed potatoes are being withheld from export to meet the requirements of Canadian growers; but the demands from outside Canada are very strong and supplies not needed for planting in Canada should be released for export in March before the season in the U.S.A. is too far advanced for planting.

ORDER "CERTIFIED" for Table Stock Production. Larger crops are needed in 1944. Obtain a heavier yield from each acre by planting Canadian Certified Seed Potatoes.

ORDER "FOUNDATION" and "FOUNDATION A" for Certified Seed Production. All fields entered for certification in 1944 must be planted with either "Foundation" or "Foundation A" seed potatoes.

DISTRICT INSPECTOR FOR SASKATCHEWAN and ALBERTA—Seed Potato Certification, 423 Post Office Building, Edmonton, Alta.

For lists of growers having "Certified", "Foundation A", or "Foundation" seed potatoes for sale, apply to the local District Inspector, Seed Potato Certification, or to the Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES BOARD DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA
Honourable James G. Gardiner, Minister

Read the Ads in the Times

Financial Statement and Auditor's Report of the Village of Irma, Alberta,

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1943
Village of Irma, Province of Alberta

Auditor—Chas. Wilbraham, Wainwright
Mayor—Jas. A. Hedley, Irma.

Amount of Bond, \$1250.00; No. of Bond, 29011
Company—Canadian Indemnity Co.
Date Suretyship began—January 6, 1939
Bond renewed to January 1, 1945
Bank of Montreal at Wainwright

RECEIPTS—General

Balances December 31, 1942	
Municipal Account—	
Bank, \$3031.09; on hand, \$88.46	\$3129.55
Agriculture Trust—	
Bank, \$416.69	416.69
Social Services Tax Trust Acct—	
Bank, \$59.32; on hand, \$5.57	64.89
School Tax Trust Account—	
Bank, \$185.66; on hand, \$8.67	194.33
Cemetery Trust Account—Bank, \$213.47	213.47
Tax Sale Surplus Trust Account—Bank, \$252.77	252.77
Total	\$4261.70
Receipts on Account Taxation	
Municipal Taxes	\$2769.81
Social Service Taxes	85.37
	\$2854.98
Licenses and Permits	
Dog Licenses	\$ 12.00
	\$ 12.00
Investment Earnings	
Interest Earnings	\$ 15.00
Tax Sale Surplus Transferred to Gen'l Acct.	53.22
	\$ 68.22
Service Charges	
Commissions	\$ 29.67
Certificates and Search Fees	.25
Sanitary and other charges	.35
Workmen's Compensation Fees	5.22
	\$ 35.39
Recreation and Community Service	
Community Services including Cemetery	\$ 70.50
	\$ 70.50
Miscellaneous	
Reporting School Taxes Collected	\$ 358.93
Relief Repaid	50.00
Refund on Fire Insurance	7.00
	\$ 415.93
	\$7718.72

PAYMENTS—General

General Government	
Salaries—Sec. Treas., \$360.00; Assessor, \$10.00	
Audit fees, \$75.00	\$ 385.00
L. T. O.	5.50
Printing, \$23.00; Postage, \$20.55; Stationery, \$21.95	65.50
Office Light, \$52.35; Telephone, .50	52.85
Association Fees, \$5.00	5.00
Dog License Tags	3.92
Safe Keeping Charges	1.25
	\$ 519.02
Protection to Person and Property	
Fire Dept., \$137.81; Police Dept., \$362.00;	
Pound, \$1.00	500.81
Destruction Pests and Weeds, \$2.50;	
St. Lighting, \$468.00	470.50
	\$ 971.31
Public Works	
Streets, \$109.50; Wells, \$3.55; Sidewalks, \$13.85	\$ 126.90
Village Prop'ty, \$13.50; W'men's Com. Bd., \$19.54	33.04
	\$ 159.94
Public Welfare	
Indigent Relief, \$91.89; M.H.O., \$25.00	\$ 116.89
Doctors, \$35.00; Hospital Bills, \$323.10;	
Child's Welfare, \$1.66	359.76
Mother's Allow., \$152.00; Old Age &	
Blind Pensions, \$98.50	250.50
	\$ 727.15
Recreation and Community Services	
Parks, \$2.00; Rinks, \$327.54; Cemetery, \$2.00	\$331.54
	\$ 331.54
Miscellaneous	
Payment of Tax Sale Surplus,	\$ 252.77
Victory Bonds	500.00
Reporting School Taxes Remitted, \$538.10;	
Social Services Taxes Remitted, \$111.86	649.96
	\$1402.73
Balances December 31, 1943	
Municipal Acct.—Bank, \$2776.86; on hand, \$77.95	\$2854.81
Social Ser. Tax Trust Ac. \$35.28; on hand \$3.12	38.40
School Tax Trust Acct.—Bank, \$15.16	15.16
Agriculture Trust Acct.—Bank, \$416.69	416.69
Cemetery Trust Acct — Bank, \$281.97	281.97
	\$3607.03
	\$7718.72

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

General Section	
Taxation for Municipal and Hospital Purposes—Real Property	
Local Improvements (Property Owners' Share)	\$2864.09
Other	
Electric Light and Power	44.00
Licenses and Permits	
Animals	\$ 12.00
Investment Earnings	
Interest on Investments	\$ 15.00
Penalties and Costs, \$108.69; Tax Sale Sur., \$53.22	161.90
	\$ 176.90
Other Revenue	
Commissions: School, \$26.90; Social Serv., \$2.77	\$ 29.67
Cemetery, \$70.50	70.50
Tax Certificate Fees	.25
Weed Destruction	.35
	\$ 100.67
Total Revenue	\$3680.21
Surplus from Previous Years (if used)	206.24
	\$3286.45
Grand Total Revenue Section	
	\$3286.45

EXPENDITURE

General Government (Administration)	
Administrative	\$5 19.02
	\$ 519.02
Protection to Persons and Property	
Fire Protection	\$ 137.81
Police Protection	362.00
Law Enforcement	1.00
Street Lighting	468.00
Destruction of Pests	2.50
	\$ 971.31
Public Works	
Conservation of Health	\$ 159.94
Conservation of Health	25.00
Public Welfare	
Charity and Miscellaneous Welfare	
Including Indigent Relief	\$ 91.89
Child Welfare	1.66
Hospitalization and Medical Services	358.10
Old Age and Blind Pensions	98.50
Mother's Allowance	162.00
	\$ 702.15
Recreation and Community Services	
Recreation Services	\$ 127.54
Community Services	4.00
Social Services Tax Levy	\$ 82.55
Capital Expenditures Provided Out of Revenue	
Curling Rink	\$ 200.00
Total Expenditure	\$2791.51
Surplus for Year (Excess of Rev. over Ex.)	494.94
	\$3286.45
Grand Total Expenditure Section	
	\$3286.45

REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET

(General Section)

ASSETS

Net Balances December 31, 1943	
Municipal Account — Bank \$3475.52; Cash on hand, \$77.95	\$ 3553.47
Investments	
Social Services Tax Trust Account—Bank, \$35.28; Cash on hand, \$3.12	38.40
School Tax Trust Account — Bank, \$15.16	15.16
Total	\$3607.03
Accounts Receivable	
Hospital, Aid and Relief Accounts Chargeable to Person	\$ 414.99
Due from Province	
Social Services Tax Commission	\$ 1.09
Due from Local Boards and Commissions or Other Funds	
Commissions: — School	.75
Taxes Receivable (not including Property Acquired for Taxes)	
Municipal Taxes — Total, \$981.30; Less Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes, \$50.00	
Net	\$ 931.30
Social Services—Total, \$50.65; Less Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes, \$5.00;	
Net	45.65
	\$ 976.95
Taxes Receivable on Property Acquired for Taxes	
Municipal Taxes — Total, \$469.23; Less Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes, \$365.00;	
Net	\$ 104.23
Social Services — Total, \$35.71; Less Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes, \$30.00;	
Net	5.71
	\$ 109.94
Inventories (Value of Consumable Goods or Supplies on Hand)	
Fire Dept., \$60.00; Misc., \$30.50	90.50
Total Assets	\$ 5286.26

CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

(General Section)

ASSETS

General Fixed Assets	\$ 6025.00
Less Reserve for Depreciation	335.00
	\$ 5690.00
Victory Bond	500.00
Total Capital Liabilities	\$6190.00

REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET

(General Section)

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	
Salaries — Secretary-Treasurer	\$ 30.00
Light and Power, \$43.15; Labor, \$4.00	47.15
	\$ 77.15
DUE TO PROVINCES	
Mother's Allowance	\$ 11.00
	\$ 11.00
Social Service Taxes to Province—Uncollected	
Taxes, \$66.36; Collections not remitted, \$38.40	\$ 124.76
School Taxes to School Bd. Collect's not remitted \$15.16	15.16
	\$ 139.92
Surplus	5058.19
Total Revenue Fund Liabilities	\$5286.26

REVENUE FUND SURPLUS (Deficit) ACCOUNT

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Balance of Surplus (or deficit) at Beginning of Year		\$5269.49	
Surplus of Deficit included in Current Budget—Transferred to Revenue and Expenditure Acct, Ex. V.	\$206.24		\$5063.25
Purchase Victory Bond	500.00		
Surplus or Deficit for Year Under Review—Brought forward from Revenue and Ex. Acct, Ex. V.		494.94	
Balance of Surplus or Deficit at End of Year—Carried forward from Revenue Fund. Bal. Sheet, Ex. 111			5058.19
Totals of Debit and Credit Columns	\$ 706.24	\$5764.43	

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

	Land	Bldgs.	Plant & Equip.	Total
General Government—				
Civic Offices			100	100
Fire Department	200	\$2000	\$ 750	\$2950
Workshops, Yds. and Other Bldgs	.25			.25
Sanitation and Waste Removal—				
Garb. and Waste Col. and Disposal	.50			.50
Recreation Services				
Skating Rinks, Beaches and Baths	200	1400		1600
Community Services—				
Exhibitions and Fair	400	100		500
Parks	300			300
Miscellaneous, N.O.P.—				
Cemetery	500			500
Total General Fixed Assets	\$1675	\$3500	\$ 850	\$6025

SUMMARY OF TAX ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1943

	Net Requirements exclusive of Provisions for Debt Charges	Total Levy
TAXES LEVIED FOR—		
Municipal and Hospital Purposes	\$2708.09	\$2708.09
Total Taxation Revenue	\$2708.09	\$2708.09
Charges or Taxes Placed on Tax Roll for Collection—		
Social Services	82.55	\$ 82.55
Total Charges on Tax Roll for Collection	\$2790.64	\$2790.64
Total Taxes Receivable		2790.64
Prior Years' Assets Added to Current Roll—		
Arrears of Taxes as at December 31, 1942		1492.55
1943 Penalties and Costs on Above		108.68
Total Face Amount of Tax Roll		\$4391.87

1943 MILL RATE

Municipal	22
Social Services	3 4-10

TAXES RECEIVABLE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1943

Social Services Tax Equalized Assessm't	Total	Current	Prior Yrs's Levy Yr's Arre
Value \$27000.			
Balance January 1, 1943	\$1492.55		\$1492.55
Current Year's Levy	2790.64	\$2790.64	
Penalties and Costs added in 1943	108.68		108.68
Total due	\$4391.87	\$2790.64	\$1601.23
Collections in 1943, including Costs	\$2854.98	\$2361.48	\$493.50
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1943	1536.89	429.16	1107.73

TRUST TAX COLLECTION AND REQUISITION STATEMENT

Trust Taxes Collected but not paid at Dec. 31, 1942	Soc. Ser.	Sch. Rpt'g
Collected in 1943	85.37	358.93
Total due (accounted for below)	\$150.26	\$553.26
Paid in 1943 to Prov. Gov. School and Hos. Bd.	\$111.86	\$538.10
Amts. Col. by Village, but not paid Dec. 31, 1943	38.40	15.16

VERIFICATION OF CASH ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1943

Cash on hand at Dec. 31, 1943, as per Cash Statement	\$ 81.07
Cash received between Dec. 31, 1943, and date of this audit	24.36
Total	\$105.43
Deduct cash deposited in Bank between Dec. 31, 1943, and date of this Audit	\$105.43

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the accounts of the Village of Irma for the year ending December 31st, 1943, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in my opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Village, according to the best of my information, the explanations given me, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned in Auditor's Special Report herewith.

The statistical information contained herein was obtained from the books and records of the Village, or from information supplied by officials of the Village.

Dated at Wainwright, this 15th day of January, 1944.

CHAS. WILBRAHAM, Auditor.

Wainwright, Alberta.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

The information contained in this report is as shown by the Books and Records of the Village, from my own observation, or obtained from other officials of the Village—and all of which I certify to be true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and in agreement with the Auditor's Report where necessary.

E. W. CARTER, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dated January 20, 1944.



It Does taste good in a pipe

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The Pick of Tobacco

India

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that in the minds of many people India is associated with stories of internal controversy and anti-British sentiment. As is so often the case, sensational events have received widespread publicity, while less spectacular, but equally important facts are not drawn to our attention. There has also been, from time to time, adverse criticism from outside of the Empire, of Britain's method of dealing with what is known as the Indian problem. In spite of lack of co-operation by some sections of the population, India as a whole has proven to be wholeheartedly behind the Empire in the fighting of the war and has contributed much both in fighting men and in war materials. Indian troops have fought with the Eighth Army in Africa and in Italy, and between them and the British and Canadian soldiers there has developed a fine spirit of comradeship and of mutual admiration. We are told that India's volunteer army now numbers two millions, and that three hundred thousand of her troops have served overseas. In the African campaign, five V.C.'s were won for the Indian Army, four of them by native officers.

War Production Is Increasing

The Royal Indian Air Force had by 1941 reached four times its original strength and it has continued to expand at a rapid pace. It is interesting to note in this connection that members of the Royal Indian Air Force have been trained in Canada under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and that a number of them have been stationed in the West. They, too, have shown great enthusiasm for the service and determination to help in bringing the war to a successful conclusion. India's war production has increased steadily and it is stated that orders are met to the value of sixty million dollars a month. Among her most important products are textiles, and war orders in this industry were estimated at nearly six hundred million dollars for 1943. Other defence industries produce armoured vehicles, ships, training planes, chemicals, guns, shells, explosives and many other articles. Eighty thousand surgical instruments have been shipped to Russia from India. Interesting developments have recently taken place in the aluminum industry there, where virgin aluminum was produced for the first time early in 1943. This is now becoming an important factor in the world supply of this vital material.

People Prefer To Be Peasants

India has a population of four hundred million people. Although great progress has been made in building up industry there, a large part of the population is made up of peasants, many living at a very low level of subsistence. The development of railways, irrigation systems, and public health services has improved the lot of these people enormously, and efforts have been made to interest them in working in industries, as a means of raising their living standards. It has been found, however, that they are greatly attached to their traditional way of life and that it will take considerable time to educate them to change it. In a bulletin published recently by the Royal Bank of Canada, many interesting facts concerning India have been presented. It is estimated that at the present time there are only about fifty thousand British civilians living in India. Of the million and one-half employees of the Indian non-military government services, only fifty-five hundred are British, and British investments there represent about eight hundred million dollars, which is considerably less than that invested in Brazil, Argentina and other foreign countries. There is religious freedom in India, and in all British India women have the franchise, have been elected to the legislature and have held cabinet posts. Britain has promised India complete self-government after the war, with no reservations as to its remaining a part of the British Empire, and it is to be hoped that it will take its place at the side of Canada and the other British Dominions of the Commonwealth in the years to come.

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Soothing relief from stuffy, painful distress of acute catarrh comes fast as Va-tro-nol spreads through the nose, reduces swollen membranes—soothes irritation, relieves congestion, helps flush out cold-clogged nasal passages. Makes breathing easier—try it! Follow directions in package.

The Order of the Golden Fleece, founded by the Duke of Burgundy in 1429, is the oldest order of knighthood in Europe.

STOP Scratching *Relieve Itch Fast*
For quick relief from itching of eczema, pimples, skin's feet, sores, rashes, rashes and other irritations caused this trouble. Use fast-acting, cooling, soothing, liquid D. D. D. Prescription. Creams, ointments, salves, and powders are not effective. Itching, skin irritation and quickly stop intense itching. See your doctor for D.D.D. PRESCRIPTION.

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Lidia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound not only relieves monthly pain but also weak, nervous feelings, and other disturbances. It helps build up resistance against distress of "crisis days." Made in Canada.

Surgical Glue

Blood of Patient Can Be Used To Close Wound
The edges of a wound can be glued together with a cement concocted from the patient's own blood, the technical journal, Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics disclosed recently. The method was devised by a woman surgeon, Dr. Machelde E. Sano of Philadelphia. The glue can be used to make a skin-graft patch when the edges of a surface wound won't meet, and 48 hours after they are planted the grafts are as much a part of the body as surrounding, normal skin. Even more vital, the experiments indicate that the new glue can be used to close and patch gaps in such organs as liver and spleen, where large punctures often have been fatal.—Newsweek.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—I was unable to get to my local store on the day when my butter coupons were to expire so I phoned the store and placed an order for some butter. The next day I called at the store to get my butter but the grocer would not honor the expired coupons, though I contended that I had placed an order for the butter when the coupons were valid. Was he right?

A.—The retailer was right. The purchase of rationed goods is not complete until coupons are surrendered. Retailers must accept coupons at the time of purchase and may not accept coupons that are invalid.

Q.—Does the price chart showing cuts of beef and the prices in the butcher shops include only the best cuts?

A.—No. Charts should cover all grades of beef offered for sale in that particular shop.

Q.—My grocer allowed me to have only one can of vegetables when canned vegetables were made available to consumers a short time ago? Can't I have more than one at a time?

A.—Retailers must exercise every care to make certain that such supplies as they have available for sale to consumers are fairly distributed among all. The retailers are expected to apportion their supplies in such a manner that they provide for the needs of all their customers. The number of cans a retailer decides to allow customers is up to him.

Q.—How can I secure information in regard to making over used underwear for children's wear?

A.—If you will write to the Consumer Branch, Arcade Building, 196 Sparks Street, Ottawa it will be glad to provide such information.

Q.—I usually wear 25c to have leather lifts put on my shoes. A few weeks ago I was charged 35c and more recently 45c for the same thing at the same shoe store. Is it legal to charge this repair shop raise prices in this manner?

A.—The price he cannot raise it, if 25c is the price he cannot raise it, the price for such services is based on the price charged by this shop during the basic period, September 15 to October 11, 1941. Thank you for reporting this infraction.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book to the Editor of the paper, mentioning the name of this paper to Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Here's Speedy Relief For Tender, Aching, Burning Feet

Your feet may be so swollen and inflamed that you think you can't go another step. You feel as if you are cutting into the flesh. You feel sick all over with the pain and torture; you'd give anything to get relief.

Two or three applications of Moore's Eucalypti and Eucalypti ointment the pain and soreness disappears. No matter how tired and worn you have been, if you have not tried Eucalypti Ointment you have something to learn. Get a bottle today—at all drugstores.

Ship's History

A Fine Ship Of Royal Navy Transferred To Canada
"Fortune Favors the Brave" is the motto of the recently-commissioned R.C.N. destroyer H.M.C.S. Chaudier. It is an inheritance that came with this fine fighting ship, along with an impressive list of battle honors when she was transferred from the Royal Navy, in which she was known as H.M.S. Hero.

Built in 1936 she is the sixth of her line. At the second Battle of Narvik she chased enemy destroyers up the Rombake fjord. After a few rounds fired at one of the German ships beached just above the narrows she proceeded, in company with H.M.S. Kimberley, to the head of the fjord where she found three damaged enemy ships alongside.

As her boarding parties went away in whalers one of the enemy ships, which had been scuttled, beached over and sank, another was down by the stern and the third one, the "Hans Ludemann," was boarded and the German ensign replaced by the White Ensign. Salvage not being practicable, however, the Hero sank this ship with a torpedo.

In June, 1941, she picked up survivors from the minelayer "Lafayette" off Tobruk. She was in Admiral O'Han's Malta Convoy in March, 1942, and took part in the attack on the Italian battleship of the Littorio class, braving the big guns of the enemy battleship to launch a torpedo attack.

With The Troops

Odd Bits Of Information About The Armed Forces

One of the greatest sources of interest and pleasure to Canadian soldiers returning from battlefield areas are outdoor lights used at night. They are uncommon in war zones.

Members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps who have completed 18 months' service may now wear the green, scarlet and royal blue ribbon of the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

When a silver maple leaf is attached to the recently approved Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, it indicates the wearer has served outside Canada in some branch of the service.

Parcels addressed to troops overseas are still giving postal authorities much trouble. Many of them contain forbidden materials or are poorly packed, and are therefore delayed or withdrawn from delivery.

The Reserve Army in Canada is still keenly active, with units and personnel training regularly. Summer camps are again proposed for this year.

Stop Dosing Constipation

There Is a Better Way to Correct a Common Cause

Yes, you can free yourself from slavery to "dosing" with its griping unpleasantness, its lack of lasting relief if your trouble is due to insufficient "bulk" in your diet! Do as thousands of others have done! Try the gentle-acting, ALL-BRAN way! KELLOCO'S ALL-BRAN really "gets it" this common cause of constipation by supplying the missing "bulk-producing" material needed for easy, natural elimination. Try eating a daily serving of ALL-BRAN, or several ALL-BRAN muffins. Drink plenty of water. Get ALL-BRAN at your grocer's, 2 convenient sizes. Made by Kellogg's in London, Canada.

Was Important Once

Job Of Guarding England Against Napoleon Invasion Is Abolished
A job that once was the most important in all England has been eliminated.

For 140 years the job had been handed down from man to man. The last to hold it was one Chummy Barton, who was paid \$20 a year.

With his death municipal authorities in Rye, England, decided it was safe enough to abolish the job—it was the job of standing on the cliffs and watching for Napoleon to cross the Dover strait to invade England.

Well-informed British sources are reported to believe—entirely without confirmation—that Napoleon has probably called off the attack.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

GREATNESS
Greatness, after all, in spite of its name, appears to be not so much a certain size as a certain quality in human lives. It may be present in lives whose range is very small.—Phillips Brooks.

A solemn and religious regard to spiritual and eternal things is an indispensable element of all true greatness.—Daniel Webster.

If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.—Horace Mann.

Every luminary in the constellation of human greatness, like the stars, comes out in the darkness to shine with the reflected light of God.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The study of God's word, for the purpose of discovering God's will, is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters.—J. W. Alexander.

Nothing can make a man truly great but being truly good, and partaking of God's holiness.—Matthew Henry.

MILITARY RECORD

In the 1941 East African campaign, British troops under General Cunningham established an all-time military record when they advanced an average of 44 miles a day for 17 days.

The New York Sun repeats the warning issued by Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, who said that "it is going to be much easier to defeat the Fascist forces of Germany and Japan, than to root out the philosophy which gave them being."

It also fears that "the hardest battles will have to be fought, not with planes, tanks and guns, but with schoolbooks."

The Appalachian mountains are believed to have come into being over a period of about 75,000 years.

The Danube River is 1,740 miles long and flows through seven countries.

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VENO'S COUGH SYRUP
Used for Years THE FAMOUS HOME REMEDY
VENO'S COUGH SYRUP
Invaluable for COUGHS—COLDS BRONCHITIS SIMPLE SORE THROAT
DON'T DELAY—BUY A BOTTLE TODAY!

VICTORY
HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA

Someone once said that a "touch of imagination and venturesome spirit" were two requirements of a good cook. After all, without a pinch of imagination and a desire to try something new or different once in a while, meals are apt to become pretty monotonous. Especially in this time at the present time when the variety of foods available is limited. Vegetables suffer, more than most other foods, from lack of imagination on the part of the cook. Take cabbage for instance—how many ways do you serve it to your family?

Here are some ways it can be served with very little effort. First, we have Five Minute Cabbage. Shred the cabbage very fine, and cook covered, for 5 to 7 minutes in a little, rapidly boiling water. Serve it in hot tomato sauce, not cheese sauce, or just plain with a little butter. When you cook cabbage in this manner, quickly in a little water, it is not limp, tasteless or soggy; it's slightly crisp and delicious.

Cabbage lends itself also to a scallop. Try it in alternate layers with cream sauce, and if possible, add about 2 tablespoons of chopped celery. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs. It's good.

Or try alternating layers of cabbage and thinly sliced apple, seasoned with salt and pepper and, if the apples are very sour, a tablespoon of sugar. Sprinkle the top layer of this scallop with crumbs, dot with a tablespoon of butter, and bake in a moderately hot oven at 375 degrees F. for 30-40 minutes, or until tender.

It has a taste that is faintly reminiscent of sauerkraut.

Health LEAGUE OF CANADA presents **TOPICS OF VITAL INTEREST**
NATION WIDE CAMPAIGN

Appointment of Joseph Lichstein of Saskatoon, Sask., as chairman of the national health committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada, has been announced by W. F. Reid of Calgary, president of the organization. Mr. Reid said that the new chairman would immediately organize the Junior Chamber's nation-wide campaign against venereal disease, in collaboration with the voluntary effort of the Health League of Canada and the official program of the federal and provincial governments.

Mr. Lichstein's appointment and his acceptance of the post, which is voluntary one, was received with satisfaction in Health League and government circles. A C.N.R. Express employee, he has devoted much leisure to public welfare and Junior Chamber projects and headed the first Junior Chamber campaign against venereal disease in Saskatoon three years ago.

The venereal-disease education program is the major wartime project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce since its conference at Niagara Falls early last summer, Mr. Reid reported. Member groups across Canada will participate in a campaign to be launched with observance of Social Hygiene Day on February 2.

NEED SEED POTATOES
The Berlin radio, in a domestic broadcast reported by U.S. government monitors, warned the German people that a current potato shortage had made sharp conservation measures necessary to provide sufficient seed potatoes for spring planting. The broadcast blamed the shortage on "the extraordinary drought" of 1943.

The rose was the favorite banner of many rulers of Greece and Rome and was used as a symbol on their banners and shields.

NOW... Buckley's
GIVES YOU A SUPER-REMEDY

Buckley's gave you Buckley's Mixture, Canada's largest-selling cough and cold remedy. Now Buckley's gives you one of Canada's most highly medicated, fastest-acting rubs. Yet Buckley's Soreless White Rub is different—better. It rubs in quicker—penetrates deeper—relieves pain faster. Try it for your own or baby's chest cold, or for sore, sore muscles, tired burning aches and pains. It must give relief faster than any rub you have ever used or dry coughs.

IT'S BETTER IT'S BUCKLEY'S THAT'S WHY

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NAPLES WELL KNOWN

One Of The World's Loveliest And Most Tragic Lands

As British and American soldiers moved closer on Naples they were carrying the tide of war across a land that has been a battlefield for centuries and is well known to tourists. They were moving through one of the world's loveliest—and most tragic—lands.

Greeks colonized the country nearly 2,600 years ago. They fought the Romans, and lost. Along the coast, Mt. Vesuvius wrought the tragedies of Pompeii and other cities lost to time. And medieval rulers turned the area into a great centre of trade and culture.

The invasion of the Fifth Army started at the Bay of Salerno south of Naples and moved past the city of Paestum, established by the Greeks in 600 B.C., who made it one of the most beautiful of the ancient world. In ruins there are several temples, including the Basilica which is the most imposing relic of Greek culture and architecture outside Greece. The city had started to decay by the time of Augustus Caesar but was not finally abandoned until the 16th century.

Other names appearing in world news today which were old before ancient Rome became great, are Herculaneum and Salerno, known to the Romans as Stabium. Cicero had a villa at the resort town of Castellum-Mare di Stabia. Hannibal attacked the coast line in the Punic wars but was fought off.

Salerno, Amalfi and Ravello were conspicuous in medieval history as centres of culture under the Lombards and others. Nocera was a Saracen settlement in 1224.

Best known to the world is the fiery Vesuvius, which rises to a towering 3,714 feet from the Naples plain.

The sea and the mountains running up to the Bay of Naples make it one of the world's great beauty spots. But Mt. Vesuvius has given the whole area a background of tragedy.

The entire base of the mountain, only active volcano on the European mainland, shows traces of the frequent eruptions, which wiped out such cities as Pompeii, a prosperous centre of 20,000 people in Roman times, and Herculaneum, a favorite resort of Roman nobles.

The first recorded eruption of Mt. Vesuvius was in 45 A.D. Sixteen years later occurred the outbreak which overwhelmed Pompeii, killing 2,000 and covering the city with hot pebbles and ashes from eight to 20 feet deep. The disaster left for posterity a Roman city to be excavated and restored to a close semblance of what it had been originally without the weathering erosions of the centuries.

The longest period of quietude by Mt. Vesuvius since then was between 1500 and 1631. An eruption in the latter year sent seven streams of lava boiling from the crater down the slopes, some of the hissing in the sea, and killed 3,000 persons living below the mountain.

The last great eruption was in 1906. But small streams of lava still appear and the earth in the area abounds in fissures which steam constantly. Ashes of Mt. Vesuvius have fallen as far away as Turkey.

But with all its disasters and its wars, the coastal area always has been a resort area as well as a scene of the contending forces which have struggled for spoils and lands throughout the areas lining the Mediterranean since history has been recorded.

The Care Of Gloves

Some Instructions On The Best Way To Mend Them

How are your gloves standing up under the strain of busy hands these days? Do you find yourself doing a bit of mending on the seams occasionally? Well, here is the best way to do it. First, make blanket stitches along the edges of the ripped seam to strengthen it. Then draw the edges together by overhanding through the blanket stitches. Start without a knot but hold thread down along edge of seam as you overhand. When the end of the ripped seam is reached, take two stitches back to make the end of the sewing strong enough to hold. Carry the thread end to the inside of the glove finger and clip it off. Be sure all thread ends are hidden inside the glove. To have as few seam rips as possible always remember, when you dip them in gentle, fine fabric suds, to wash heavy leather and fabric gloves on the hands, deerskin and chamois gloves off the hands.

The moon completes a circuit around the earth in 27 days, 7 hours and 43.2 minutes. 2538

R.A.F. Hudson Patrols Greenland's Ice Fields



This picture was taken from an R.A.F. coastal command Hudson on patrol off the grim coast of Greenland. Besides hunting and attacking U-boats these coastal command aircraft keep the north Atlantic shipping lanes open by maintaining a constant watch on the ice floes and icebergs, which menace the northerly routes, thus allowing the ships to plot a safe course.

Price On His Head

Japanese Would Like To Get Foreign Minister Soong

Much has been written of the war travels of Allied leaders, but not so much notice has been taken of the global hops of China's Foreign Minister, Dr. T. V. Soong. He is here, there and everywhere, and here, there and everywhere, and here, there and everywhere.

Late in July Dr. Soong was in Washington. Early in August he turned up in London, and then some weeks later he arrived in Quebec, and it would surprise no one if he turned up in Chungking at any time. This is typical of the Chinese diplomat's travels for the past seven years, and while so much bustling might put another man on the sick list, not so 49-year-old T. V. Soong. He is both a financial wizard, a suave and sure diplomat, and a brother to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

Dr. Soong is recognized as the generalissimo's right-hand man by the Allies and by Japan. Indeed, Japan recognizes him as even more than that. A record price has been placed on his black pompadour head, and once assassins did almost get him.—Toronto Telegram.

Can Be Checked

Comments Made By Newspaper Are In Black And White

There is the fleeting impermanence of a radio broadcast, as compared with the relative durability of a newspaper. Two people may disagree about what they heard on the air or a listener may get an incorrect impression by tuning in during the middle of a broadcast or by having his attention distracted. What has been said on the air is irrevocably gone and can never be recaptured for analysis and checking. But the comments of a newspaper are in black and white and can be re-examined if there is any doubt as to their meaning.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ITALY PRODUCES SILK

While the capitulation of Italy makes it necessary for the Allies to supply coal, food and other articles, it also deprives Germany of certain war vital items of silk, minerals and food. Italy as a producer of silk has been second only to Japan, her normal annual output of 1,500 tons being sufficient for 600,000 parachutes.

She's A Duchess



Mother of three children and wife of the Earl Marshal of England, the Duchess of Norfolk is shown in overalls on her way to work. She is engaged in a war job in a boat building yard, London, England. Her classification: Laborer.

Must Show Cards

Children In Germany Must Join Nazi Youth Organization To Obtain Food

The Nazi party is having great difficulty in persuading German schoolchildren to join the Hitler Jugend (Nazi youth organization) and has taken a drastic measure to remedy the situation.

Henceforth school children who change their domicile—and there are thousands who have lost their homes because of air bombardments—will not receive food cards unless they can produce their Hitler Jugend membership cards.

The Best Medicine

If Laughter Could Be Bought Doctors Would Prescribe It

If laughter could be ordered at the corner drugstore, any doctor would prescribe many laughs every day. A dose of laughter is a combination of stimulant like that of vitamin tablets plus the relaxation of bromides. Laughter is exercise for the diaphragm, which is neglected in most exercises except deep breathing.

If you could X-ray yourself when you laugh, you would see astonishing results. Your diaphragm goes down, down, and your lungs expand. You are taking in more oxygen than usual and that oxygen passes into the blood exposed in your lungs. As you laugh, the rate of exposure to oxygen is doubled, or tripled. A surge of power runs from head to toes.

"Few people realize that health actually varies according to the amount of laughter," says Dr. James J. Walsh, of Fordham University. "So do recovery. People who laugh actually live longer than those who do not laugh. Possibly the supreme physician of this day is Mickey Mouse."

India's Population

Has Been Increasing At A Rapid Rate In Recent Years

India's population, always vast but long kept in check by disease and famine, is now growing at a prodigious rate. The report on the last Indian census, taken in 1941, gives the population of India in that year as 388,997,955. This is roughly three times the population of the United States, and an increase of fifty millions over the population of India in 1931, when the previous census was taken.

Increased length of life is the main cause of the increase of population, and this is due to reductions in maternal and child mortality and to the downward trend of the death rate from such diseases as cholera and plague.

Decrease in the infant mortality rate, from 195 to 160 per thousand since 1920, has alone resulted in an increase of three millions in population.

"Crocodile tears" is used as a term of hypocrisy because the reptile cries when it fills its mouth with food.

Church Suppers

Meeting Without Eating Should Be Slogan In Wartime

The vexed question of the serving of rationed foods at church teas and suppers, and of the sales of home-made cakes, jams and jellies, has been settled by the new Board Order consolidating all previous orders relating to the usage of rationed foods. The section dealing with "shared meals" makes it lawful for one or more members of a group to bring foods bought against their ration books for general consumption at a group function.

As regards the sales of home-made foodstuffs, it is ruled that sugar and butter lose their identity when incorporated into a cake, so there is no legal restriction on the sale of the finished product.

The Consumer Branch still adheres to its original opinion that, where it institutes a fourth meal, the consumption of rationed foods at social gatherings should be drastically curtailed in the interest of the whole country.

"Meeting Without Eating" might be taken as a wartime slogan.—Consumers News.

Air Field Landing

New Type Of Surfacing Which Will Speed Construction Of Bases

Canadian Army engineers in co-operation with a civilian oil company technicians have developed a new type of airfield surfacing which will speed construction of advanced bases from which tactical air force planes can provide cover for advancing troops, it was disclosed in Britain.

It was developed on what a colonel from Toronto of the Royal Canadian Engineers described as a "hit-and-miss" basis.

The bituminous hessian surface can be laid in a matter of hours. At a recent demonstration staged by a company of French-speaking Canadian sappers, R.C.A.F. Mustangs landed on the field hours after the first strip was laid.

The work of planning the new surface began after a big army exercise last Spring when there was some dissatisfaction with the wire runways used by the R.A.F.

Only Stepping Stones

Wherever Invasion Is Made Berlin Is Final Goal

Where are we going? To Berlin. It is not for us to know by which route we shall travel. We may go through Italy or via the Balkans. We may land in Southern France, in Norway, in Denmark, on the coast-line which confronts our own shores. We may do all these things. But these are only stepping stones to the final goal. It is in Berlin itself that we intend to smash the German war machine and purge the German race. Three years ago we stood alone, stripped by Goliath of all but the sling and the smooth, round stone. But we were enabled to endure. We were inspired to feats deemed impossible. The sling and the stone were once again enough. Now we attack, and the beast—apparently very strong, formidable and ferocious, yet possibly nearer the point of cracking than we think—is caged.—London Sunday Express.

For Russia's Children

Furriers In Britain Have Already Completed 40,000 Coats

Nearly 200 firms of furriers in Britain are working at top speed to make fur coats for Russian children in the liberated areas. Already 40,000 coats have been completed, and I have seen some of them.

They are much warmer than those made for this country, and most are lined with rabbit skins. The furs were not specially imported. They were already in Britain and nearly all are home-produced skins.—London Daily Sketch.

FLOUR PRODUCTION

Flour produced in Canada during the crop year 1942-43 has amounted to 23,549,707 barrels. This is the largest output of flour in Canada in any one year. Great Britain has recently negotiated the purchase of million tons of flour. The milling of this flour leaves the offal in Canada which makes much needed feed for livestock.

PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT

"What became of that grocery bill?" asked the bank teller of his wife.

"I sent it back, dear."

"Sent it back? Why?"

"I wrote across it 'Insufficient funds' just as you do with overdrawn checks. Wasn't that all right?"

THE AIR WAR

Bombing Of Germany Has Kept Planes Away From Russian Front

From what I hear in more quarters than one the success of the Royal Air Force against Germany have in two respects been more considerable than is commonly appreciated.

Photographs of the blitzed cities, when examined through the red and blue glasses which throw up the picture in three dimensions, show a devastation almost incredible in its extent and completeness. How long Germany can survive the progressive "unhousing" both of industrial workers and of workers and soldiers' families is a highly important question.

The other fact of significance is the extent to which Russia has been assisted by the diversion of German fighter-planets to the defence of Germany itself. If the estimated figure of the fighters now, or at a very recent date, operating in the East were published its smallness would cause universal surprise.

A conspicuous feature of the fighting in that theatre of recent weeks is the supremacy of the Russian Air Force over the Germans. The Russians have the R.E. to thank for that. It is not essential that they should actually thank it, but such a gesture would tend to foster cordiality between Allies.—London Spectator.

War Insurance

Twenty Per Cent. Reduction On Premiums Is Announced

To encourage purchase and renewal of war risk insurance during the coming year and in view of the position of the Allied nations in the war in recent months, a 20 per cent. reduction in war risk insurance premiums has been put into effect by the government.

The announcement was contained in an order-in-council published recently in Canadian war orders and regulations.

The reduction applies to grain in store or in transit in Canada, as well as to various types of premises.

People Are Generous

Contributions To Charity In Britain Have Not Grown Less

In spite of a heavy income tax and the purchase tax, voluntary contributions to charity have not grown less in Britain since the Toronto Star. Before the war they were estimated at between \$70,000,000 and \$100,000,000 a year. In the financial year 1940-1941 contributions to war-time charities were estimated at \$104,000,000, including \$32,000,000 in free gifts to the Eschequer. Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund in particular has received a generous response from the British public.

Something About Rings

Up To Century Ago Europe Had Rules Regarding Them

What would you think of wearing a ring to indicate that you didn't want to get married? Claudia de Lys, who wrote "How the World Weds," declares that in certain parts of Europe, up to a century ago, a ring worn on the little finger meant "No marriage for me." The same ring, quickly changed-over to the first finger, meant "I'm looking around." On the second or middle finger, the ring said "I'm already married," and on the third finger it indicated betrothal.

Silk From Nettles

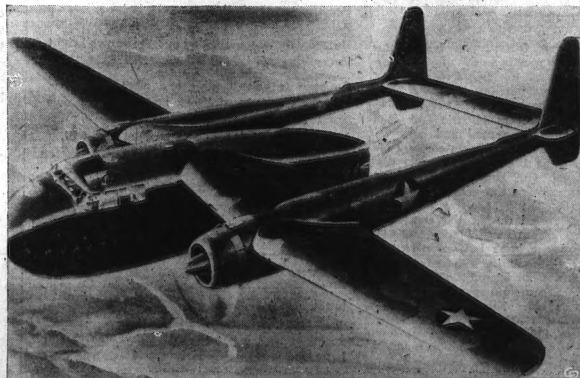
Has Been Developed. In Britain Purely For Exhibition Purposes

Stinging nettles entered the spotlight in a London exhibit recently as a skin of white, artificial silk. The exhibit is the only one of its kind in Britain and shows the results of three years of experiments on stinging nettles, carried out in laboratories at Kew, the famous botanical gardens just outside London. The silk was for purely exhibition purposes. Whether nettles will be used for this purpose on a wide scale depends on Britain's economic situation after the war, said the head of the laboratories. For the present there are plenty of other products more readily accessible for the manufacture of artificial silk.

THERE'S A REASON

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the vicar, "I have thanked personally all those who have given articles for our sale of work. Two towels have been presented by anonymous donors who prefer to be known by their initials only. They are C.P.R. and C.N.R. respectively."

New Wartime Truck Horse Of The Air



An artist's drawing of the new all-metal cargo-carrying airplane built by the Fairchild Airplane Corporation to meet present war needs for carrying guns, tanks, ammunition, supplies and men to distant combat points. Reminiscent of the P-38 fighter plane, the cargo-carrier has twin tail booms and twin engines and a range of more than 3,500 miles. Other details of operation and design remain closely guarded secrets, the plane is easily adaptable to peace-time air service.

